

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs starting on page 2, line 10 and ending on page 3, line 13 as follows:

Accordingly in a first aspect the invention consists in a device for delivering a supply of gases to a user comprising:

 a patient interface mask, in use in fluid communication with said supply of gases and supplying said gases to said user,

 at least one outlet member integrated with or attached to said patient interface mask,

 wherein the boundary between said outlet member and said interface mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.

Preferably said outlet vent comprises a slot formed in said interface mask and a cover extending over said slot and attached to said interface mask, such that the separation between said interface mask and said cover increases to the edge of said cover in order to diffuse said exhaled gases.

Preferably said outlet member is removable.

Preferably said at least one outlet vent is a substantially long tapered slot.

Alternately said at least one outlet vent is a substantially circular hole.

Preferably said at least one outlet vent extends between the top and bottom of said patient interface mask.

Preferably said patient interface is a mask.

Preferably said patient interface mask is a nasal mask.

Preferably said patient interface mask is a full face mask.

In a third aspect the present invention consists in a CPAP system for delivering gases to a user including a pressurised source of gases, transport means in fluid communication with said pressurised source adapted to convey said gases, and a patient interface mask in fluid communication with said transport means in use delivering said gases to said user, said patient interface mask including:

at least one outlet member integrated with or attached to said patient interface mask, wherein the boundary between said outlet member and said patient interface mask forms at least one long narrow tapered slot that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.

Preferably said outlet member is removable.

In a fourth aspect the present invention consists in an outlet member for a gases delivery patient interface mask,

said patient interface mask including at least one said outlet member, the boundary between said outlet member and said interface mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of expired gases from a user.

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, lines 14-18.